

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PAK USING DRUG MONEY FOR TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that Pakistan's army is using drug money to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir as reported in the 'Economic Times' dated June 4, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the Government's reaction thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expose Pak credentials in this regard before the international community?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) & (b) Pakistan's involvement in terrorism directed against India, including in J&K, is well established. There have also been reports of money generated from illegal narcotics trafficking being used to finance such activities.
- (c) Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to end the menace of cross border terrorism.
- (d) Government have been appropriately and effectively bringing to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.